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Melanie Uhlir, sophomore at BCC studying liberal arts, enjoys the warmth of the sunshine while she studies. The days of outdoor studying outdoors will soon be over. (Donna Mullins photo)

Titchener costs on the rise

By Bill Wolcott
Editorial page editor

Three years, and two college administrations later, the money set aside for the renovation of Titchener Hall and the building of modular units to temporarily replace the classes lost, is no longer enough due to rising construction costs, politics and inflation.

According to John McCauley, the assistant to vice president of administrative services, part of the problem is construction costs for the building and leasing of modular units that would temporarily replace the loss of space during the renovation.

"The timing and cost mushroomed to the point of being almost prohibitive," McCauley said.

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Day care still blocked by lack of funds, Pierog says

By KENT BRONSON
Editor

The construction of a day care facility on BCC's campus is still being blocked by lack of funds, according to Vice President of Student Affairs John Pierog, and the project will become even more needy if ground isn't broken by July 1, 1990.

Pierog said that total funds committed to the day care project now amount to \$266,720. Of that total, \$151,720 came from State University of New York Child Care grants which will be nullified if the day care plan isn't under way by July of

next year.

Of the remaining money, \$50,000 is from a state grant from senator Tom Libous, and the other \$65,000 are student activities fees collected by the Student Government Association.

A resolution was passed by the County Legislature on Sept. 6 that authorizes the hiring of an architectural designing firm to study costs of building a day care facility on several different sites on campus and provide sketches of proposed facilities.

Not until this is completed will an accurate approximate cost be discussed,

but Pierog estimated that the cost of the entire project will fall somewhere around \$6-700,000.

"The thing that upsets me," said Pierog, "is that apparently ... Lourdes Hospital can develop and establish a child care center as good or better than the one we want for probably half the cost."

He said this was because of a law requiring public agencies such as BCC to use three prime contractors to construct such a facility, and that the contractors pay prevailing wage, thus doubling overhead for the contractors and in turn doubling the cost for the college.

Lourdes Hospital, which is not

restricted by this law, built a day care center for under \$400,000.

Pierog called present child care arrangements at BCC "less than adequate," saying that they cannot provide for the numbers of children who need care.

He also cited the current three-hour limit per child, and the safety factor of the center being located across Front Street at the Nimmonsburg church as significant problems with the current setup.

"I don't think a lot of people do know how complicated this issue is," said Pierog, "and because they don't know, that is a real source of frustration for them as well."

Enrollment jump brings 'headaches'

By KENT BRONSON
Editor

Broome Community College experienced a significant enrollment jump this year, breaking a five-year span of declining enrollments. President Donald A. Dellow discussed the implications of this increase in students in a Sept. 6 press conference.

Total enrollment this fall is 6,348 students, up from 5,878 students at this time last year, an increase of 470 students, or an 8% overall jump. The increase is shared by both full-time and part-time students.

Leading the increase is the health sciences division with a 46.9% rise, or 219 new students, followed by the liberal arts division, which experienced a 16.9% increase, totaling 281 new students.

Rounding out the list was the technology, engineering, and computing division, in which enrollment jumped 3.7%. Non-matriculated and business and office technologies studies declined by 4.9% and

0.2%, respectively.

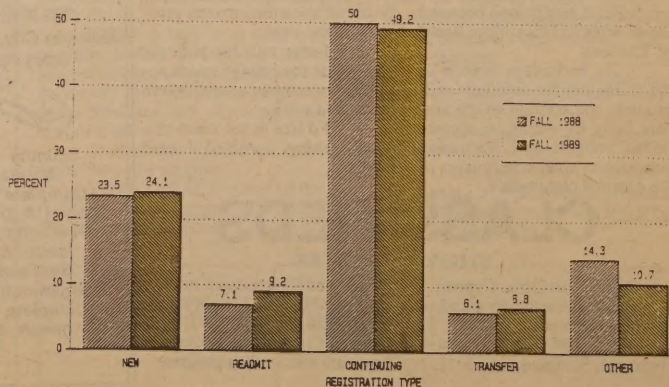
Dellow attributed the enrollment increase to improved local marketing efforts, better recruitment of local high school students by BCC representatives, and the fact that BCC offers a "quality, cost effective education." He also said that caps on SUNY enrollment contributed to the increase at BCC.

Dellow noted that the increase, while good news in most respects, "has its headaches," including an initial shortage of classes and teachers and a significant lack of parking spaces.

While the need for more instructors and classes has been filled, Dellow said that the parking problem has yet to be solved, and that different options are being looked into, such as expanding present parking lots and building new ones.

Another significant problem is crowded classrooms, and Dellow announced plans for the addition of a new wing to the health sciences building in order to meet the space needs of the increased number of students in the health sciences curriculum.

COMPARISON OF STUDENTS BY REGISTRATION TYPE
FALL 1988 TO FALL 1989
PERCENT OF TOTAL HEADCOUNT



Short Takes

Choir is searching for voices

The BCC Choir is looking for people interested in choral singing. This semester the choir will be giving its 10th annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" with full orchestra and soloists at the Anderson Center.

Choral activities also include a Christmas concert on campus at the Little Theatre of traditional Christmas carols and excerpts from Vivaldi's "Gloria."

The evening section rehearses from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in 101 Titchener Hall on Mondays. The daytime section meets from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday in 008 Alms House.

Choral experience is preferred but not necessary. Interested singers should contact Gerald Grahame at 771-5326.

BCC students go to state fair

Four students in the early childhood curriculum staffed a booth at the New York State Fair Saturday, Sept. 2, sponsored by the NYS Association for the Education of Young Children.

Leigh Tiesi, Tammy Wanck, Mary Howell, and Diana Schaffer spent the day helping children take a break from the fair in the booth that featured a variety of art materials for children. Parents were invited to pick up literature on parenting, childcare and childcare associations in their area.

The students belong to a new organization on campus, the Broome Early Childhood Association, student chapter of the Binghamton Association for the Education of Young Children. Barbara Nilsen is the faculty advisor.

Voter-registration drive on-campus

The Faculty-Student Association is sponsoring a voter registration drive the week of September 25 in the Student Center, Atrium A7, Business lounge, Library and Science Building. Further details will be posted. Students must be 18 to register.

Poet to hold reading at BCC

The BCC Campus Store will present poet Susan Sonde reading from her recent work on Monday, Sept. 25. Admission is free.

Sonde is the 1986 Capricorn Poetry Prize Winner and the recipient of the Gordon Barber Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America. She will be reading in the Harry Prew Conference Center at BCC at 1 p.m.

For more information on the reading and the afternoon creative writing workshop, call Dan DeVona at Ext. 5270.

Radio station needs an advisor

WBCR, the student campus radio station, will not go back on the air until a new adviser is appointed. John J. Scaturro, the director of community relations, who served as adviser for the station for two years, has resigned the position.

David Maslar, director of student activities said he has already talked to a possible replacement and hopes to appoint someone soon.

WBCR, which is broadcast only in the Student Union, gives students a chance to try their skills as disc jockeys.

If you have information you would like included in Short Takes, send it to the Fulcrum office in the Student Union. The deadline for the next issue is Sept. 22.

SGA planning elections

By Sue Brzozowski

Freshmen representatives to the Student Government Association are being planned later this month.

Positions currently available include: vice president for student activities, student trustee, and 14 senate seats, 2 of which may be part-time students.

Duties of the vice president for student activities will include assisting the SGA president and coordinating several on- and off-campus related activities.

The elected student trustee, will act as a liaison between the students and the college Board of Trustees.

As legislative branch of the SGA, senate members will promote the welfare of the student body by voting on recommended budgets and discussing concerns to other constituents of the campus community.

Anyone interested in running for office must pick up a petition of candidacy form from the Students Affairs Building, room 101. The deadline for submitting petitions is Sept. 22.

SGA planned to meet Monday, Sept. 11 to firm up the election date and make plans for the year. Although there are no definite plans for the upcoming year, activities currently in the works are paintthrower Denny Dent and film series.

Student activities director Dave Maslar said he is enthusiastic about upcoming events presently in the works.

Maslar said his philosophy is that the college needs activities on campus in addition to classroom work.

"I'd like to see more students getting involved," said Maslar.

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in China, Colombia, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, Scotland, Spain,

Sweden or Switzerland. For info, see Michael Kuryk in Mech. 222 or call 771-5078, Broome Community College International Studies program

Yearbook may return this year

By KATE SIMPSON

For the first time in three years, the Citadel, BCC's yearbook may return this year.

David Maslar, director of student activities, said he has

found an adviser for the publication and is waiting for an official appointment to be made.

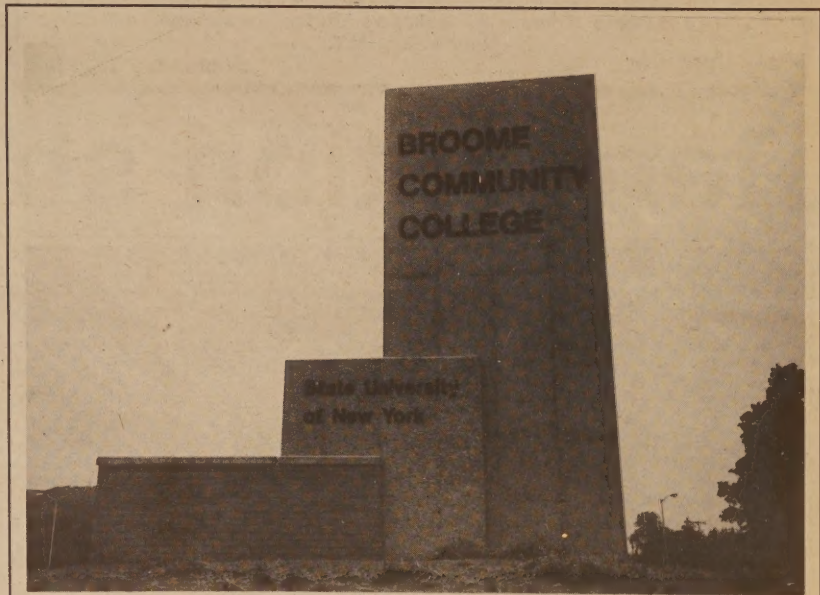
Harold H. Trium, chairperson of chemical engineering technology, has agreed to be the adviser.

Students who are interested in working on the Citadel should

inquire at the Student Activities office in the Student Union.

Maslar said lack of student participation and difficulties finding an adviser have been the reasons the college has not had a yearbook.

The Citadel was last produced in 1986.



Sign of the times

BCC officials had the sign marking the entrance to the campus replaced with a new one, (above). The sign was paid for by the BCC Foundation. (Donna Mullins photo)

TITCHENER

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"We originally planned to pay \$300,000 for a three-year lease, plus construction and transportation costs. Along with the cost of running, sewage, electricity, water and gas lines to the building."

"However the cost has since gone up three or four times that amount."

To help solve the problem the college hired architects during the summer, to recommend possible temporary changes in current on-campus facilities, to help replace the loss of space during the renovation, McCauley said.

"In the middle of the summer, we walked through the whole college with the architects looking at the amount of unused space."

According to McCauley, the architects were confident that they could make-up for most of the lost space with the current on-campus facilities. However, "there probably still will be a need for a modular unit. But a much smaller one than we first planned."

"Part of the recommendations made for by the architects, was the knocking down of some walls to create lecture halls, turning some lounges into classrooms and using small spaces as offices."

Likewise the \$2.8 million previously set aside in Capital Funds budget for the actual renovation of Titchener Hall, also is not enough for today's construction costs.

"Part of the reason we got off track, (on the renovation), was the change in the county administration. It both helped and slowed us down."

According to McCauley, the

Broome County Public Works Department at first told the college that they should handle the renovation project on their own. So during last spring the college published a notice in the Press & Sun-Bulletin stating that they wanted interested architects to bid on the renovation project.

However, during the summer the Public Works Department came back to the college administrators and expressed interest in helping with the renovation project.

The Department of Public Works has since published another notice stating that the college was looking for architects to give the "feasibility of what we can do with the funding we have now," McCauley said.

McCauley said that he has received literature from 14 architects and is in the process of forming a committee to review the various portfolios.

"While we don't have enough money for all the recommendations, you still can do lot for \$2.8 million."

"At the moment I have no idea where the college can get any other funding."

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Where, oh where has the parking gone?

By RICK TUTTLE

Drive onto campus on a Monday morning about 10 a.m. and you will find cars parked everywhere. In the lots, on the lawn, under no parking signs and some even say in the nearby Broome County jail lot.

An enrollment increase of 500 students (driving an estimated 300 more cars to campus) and the usual first week crush of new students have caused the parking overload. Even so, Campus Security maintains there are student parking spaces for those who are willing to look and walk.

Students, meanwhile, complain they have had a hard time finding a place to park. "It sucks," sums up student Karen Gardner. "I think there should be more spaces. I started here three years ago and it wasn't this bad."

According to Carl J. Guiton, public security officer, said the college has 3,000 spaces for students and 600 for faculty. In addition 35 spaces are designated for handicap use. Campus security has not compiled figures yet on how many cars are registered so far this year, but an increase in enrollment has increased the number of drivers over the previous year.

Even so, Guiton said there are still parking place to be had even at peak times. She said far lots are usually only a third empty because some students are reluctant to walk long distances.

Student Alice Creech sees it differently. "It's logical, to me at least, that security know the number of spaces for the number of students. I mean if you have a dinner party, you have enough



Parking lots near the campus were bulging during the first weeks of school. A rise in enrollment is one reason, but campus security says there are still parking spots available. (Donna Mullins photo)

plates for enough people."

Those who get caught parking in wrong place can expect to be ticketed. The first violation is usually \$5, the second \$10 and so on up to \$25. After four or more tickets, security may issue a notice of impoundment, for which the fee is the cost charged by the towing company.

Guiton said security's first priority is fire and safety hazards. "The safety

of student and staff comes first and foremost," she said. Campus security issued 4,000 parking tickets last year.

Students must pay a \$3 fee to register their car and receive a decal for their left rear window.

Regardless of how crowded the parking lots are, Bruce E. Pomeroy, director of student support services, asks stu-

dents not to be tempted to park in the handicap spaces, which are needed by those who have a disability.

"We are all students here to learn," he said. While all students face barriers, whether it is standing in a long line or playing the drop/add game, able-bodied students should not make it more difficult for others.

Pro shows students camera's tricks

By JOHN RECKHOW

Students in a communication class are getting the chance to learn how to act in front of a camera from someone who should know: a professional television weatherman.

The students, part of the "Presentation for Radio and Television" are learning the basics from WICZ-TV 40 meteorologist Sam Evans.

The class teaches students to use their voices correctly and how to present themselves in front of a camera. Evans said he believes in getting right down to business by putting students immediately in front of the camera in order to discover their strengths and weaknesses.

Evans said the idea for him to teach the class was the brainstorm of BCC communications department head John Butchko. Evans said he finds the prospect of instructing the class an exciting.

He said one definite advantage to having a professional broadcaster as a teacher is that students tend to put more effort and enthusiasm into the course activities when they know that they are being evaluated by an experienced broadcaster.

Evans holds a masters degree in television and a bachelors degree in meteorology. He began his broadcast career at a station in Watertown, N.Y., and came to this area over a year ago, to become weatherman for WICZ's Newsteam 40 and WKGB FM radio. He is the only licensed meteorologist



Meteorologist Sam Evans gets ready to take attendance. (Donna Mullins)

working as a weatherman in the area. He said that he enjoys living and working in the Southern Tier because of the people here are warm and friendly, and he also enjoys the spirit of competition that exists between Newsteam 40 and WBNG's Action News.

He said he was attracted to the idea of teaching a course at BCC because he likes communicating with people one-on-one in the classroom.

College freezes 9 jobs

Lack of funds in this year's budget spurred a hiring freeze of that put on hold nine staff and faculty positions, said BCC personnel official Elizabeth Wood.

Positions frozen include two stenographers, one each in the president's office and the athletic department, two technical assistants, one in the office technologies dept. and one in the CAD center, one typist in the computer studies dept., one senior audit clerk, one data entry operator, and one account clerk typist.

Only one faculty position, an assistant professor in mechanical engineering, was frozen. Freezing a position means that that position has been defunded and

the money has been reallocated elsewhere in the budget.

Two positions that remain unfilled but have not been frozen are those of faculty in the learning assistance center and the travel and tourism program.

Also, temporary appointments were made to fill two teaching positions, one in computer studies and one on biology. Wood said that the hiring freeze has had and will have a minimal effect on college operations and programs.

"When these were looked at and a strategy was developed, these were found to be the best way to deal with the budgetary restraints and maintenance of quality college operations," she said.

PACE helps needy parents

By SHEILA AL'HAMRANI

BCC is starting the second year of a program designed specifically to help welfare moms and dads get back on their feet.

The program, called PACE (Public Assistance Comprehensive Employment program), is specifically designed for people who receive Aid to Dependent Children.

It tries to help in several ways. It provides assistance to those individuals who would like to attend college, but feel they can't for such reasons lack of adequate childcare, lack of transportation or lack of funding.

It also tries to help by providing counseling and support.

There is a PACE office on the second floor of the Student Affairs Building. The program is directed by Barbara Kane

Lewis, who can be reached at 771-5000.

Testing is done on every person, prior to enrollment. This enables the college to sort out student strengths and weaknesses before actual registration begins.

Students are also required to declare a major from the beginning. Lewis said that helps students keep their program of study in focus. If, after one semester, students realize they are in the wrong program, they can seek help and make changes.

The program also works closely with such support services as the Learning Resource Center which provides tutors, teachers, and self-study groups and the counseling center.

Lewis said she was pleased with the number of PACE students who have completed their programs, since it began in the spring of 1987.

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Stones haven't lost musical touch

By JOHN RECKHOW

The Rolling Stones are back with a powerful new album *Steel Wheels* and it is further proof that the Stones can still rock in the eighties.

The Stones started out the decade by putting out two of the eighties best albums *Emotional Rescue* and *Tattoo You*. They finish the decade by putting out another great album.

For those who want to write off the Stones the album *Steel Wheels* shuts up the skeptics and makes us believers in the Stones style of rock and roll.

The first single off the album is "Mixed Emotions," a straight-ahead pop single much in line with another Stones' song "Start Me Up." It's not complex and it's the type of song that will be played on the radio.

One song on the album, "Continental Drift," uses musicians from Morocco to create a sort of Arabic sound. The idea of using Moroccan musicians was first tried in the late sixties by their late guitarist Brian Jones who recorded some of the music, but the project ended when he drowned.

The album is propelled by the dual guitar attack of Keith Richards and Ron Wood. The group's last album *Dirty Work* did not have this. The dual guitar attack is part of the reason why the group has been so successful. They are basically riff men who play many different parts and put them into a clear, concise sound.

Drummer Charlie Watts makes a comeback on this album by pounding out non stop rhythm that makes other drummers look weak bad in comparison. Bassist Bill Wyman sounds as good as ever. This rhythm section is second to none.

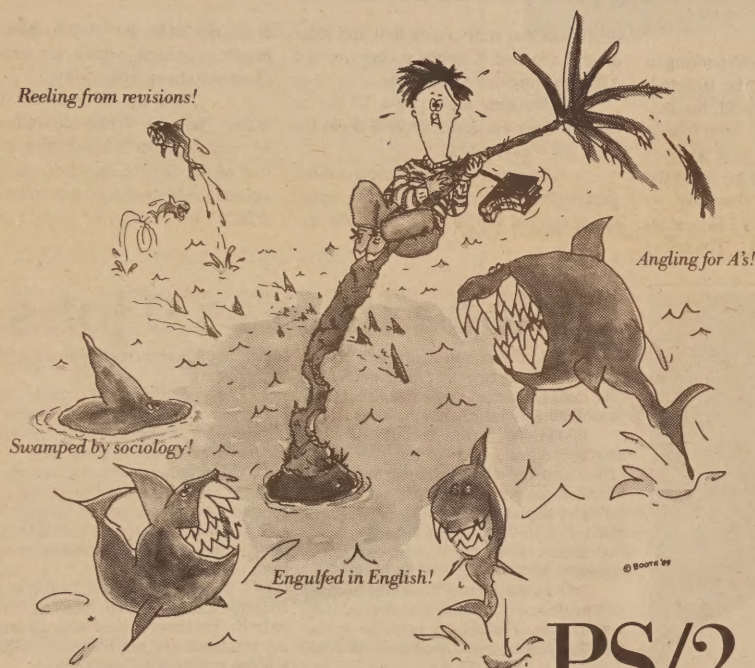
Mick Jagger's vocals are as good as ever too. He is the master of the improvisation. It's nice to see him bury the hatchet with long-time collaborator Keith Richards. It would have been a shame to see the Stones breakup on a sour note.

The songs on the album are stronger than the ones on *Dirty Work*. But to call this one of their finest albums in the eighties is wrong. Their violent album *Undercover* from 1983 is better and 1980's *Emotional Rescue* seems to have an edge and sharpness that *Steel Wheels* lacks.

But what *Steel Wheels* represents is a unified band full of new ideas that has stood the test of time.



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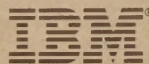
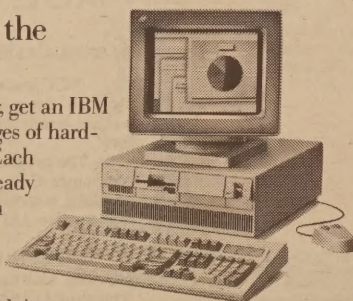
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'42 Revue' steps musically back in time

By JOHN RECKHOW

The Leonard Melfi Repertory Theatre opened its sixth season with a lively, musical step back to a time when performances were not governed by MTV. The production, called *42 Revue* was a welcome break from today's electronic glitz as it offered a collection of song and dance from the 1940s.

The shows were done at BCC's Little Theatre. The Saturday Night performance was done flawlessly. The performance had great singing and dancing and overall, very entertaining.

The show started off with Elaine Kuracina and Shirley Cothran accompanied by The Rock Bottom Moving Company Dancers performing the song "A - Train."

The dancing was excellent. All the songs were done with style and class. Cothran was most entertaining and her voice boomed throughout the show to the delight of the crowd.

Sean Walsh and Teresa Heavey performed a few numbers together that gave a romantic, elegant tone to the show. Walsh was dazzling whether if he was dancing or singing.

Show director Angelo Zuccolo performed two comic numbers to the satisfaction of the crowd. Most of the songs were just funny and amusing things designed just too entertain. The show ended with the full cast performing "No Business Like Show Business."

Musicians accompanying the cast were percussionist David Sacco and pianist Susan Hurwitz. Janet Ludden Zablocki handled the energetic choreography. The colorful costumes were handled excellently by Rick Elvezio.

The lighting and set design were handled nicely as usual by George Litynski. well ended, an evening well worth spent. excellently by Rik Elvezio. The lighting and scenic design were handled nicely as usual by George Litynski.

Adult-Student Club looking for members

By TEENA LESKO

The Adult-Student Club, or T.A.S.K., As it is referred to, is recruiting new members for the new year.

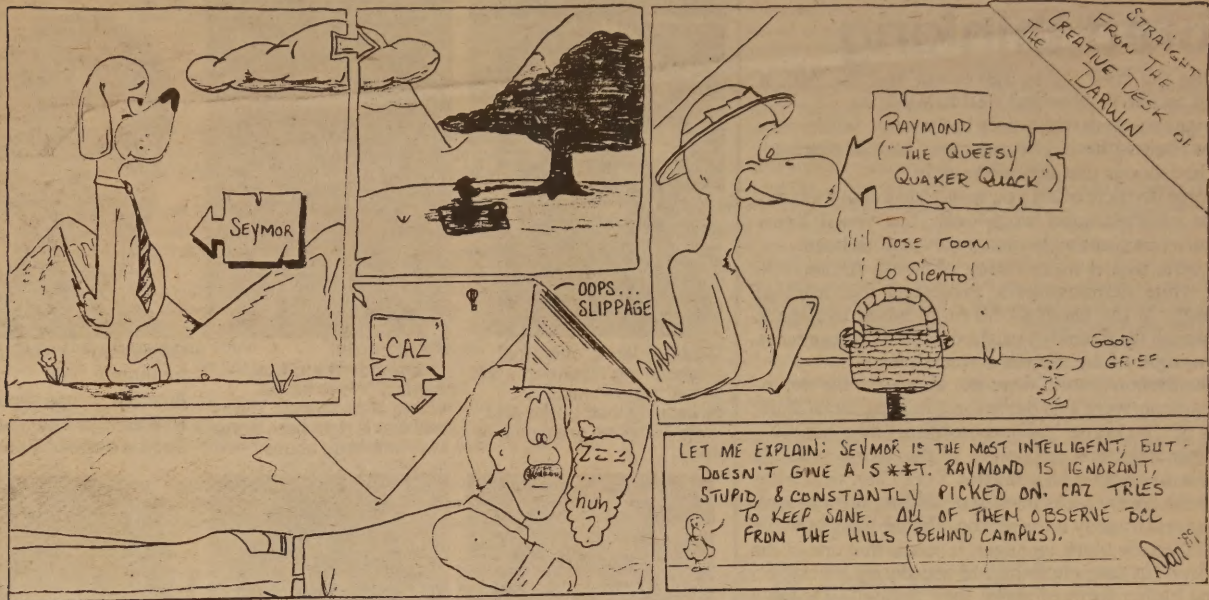
Lately, recent high school graduates are becoming more involved, according to president Shiela Al-Hamrani. She said the club is looking to recruit single parents, freshmen, mothers who need day care facilities, and students who want to meet new people and get involved with school.

The first meeting of the Adult-Student Club will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, at noon in the Business Building, room 211. At this meeting, elections will be held for club officers. Other topics of discussion will include the possibilities of a new busing schedule for BCC students and a recreation center of some sort near the Nimmansburg Mall being constructed on Front Street.

Club advisors Janet Kuhns and Barbara Bell will be on hand to answer questions.

IN THE HILLS (OVERLOOKING BCC)

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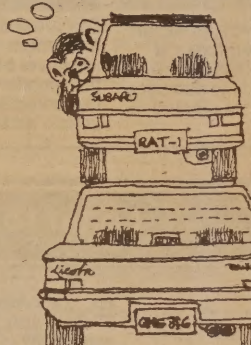
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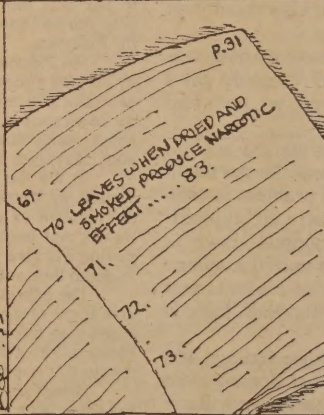
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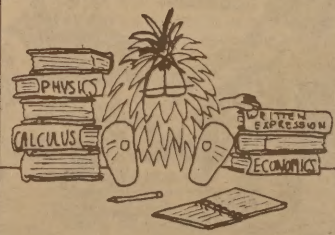
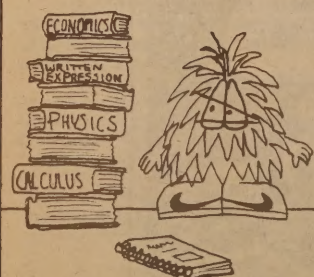
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Colored thinking

Despite the civil rights movement and the '60s, it appears that racism is alive and well in America.

No longer are there white-only bathrooms, white-only bus-seats or even white-only restaurants, instead there are entire neighborhoods that are white-only.

Of course if you're black you won't see a sign that says a particular neighborhood white-only, but you'll know you're there when somebody puts a gun to your head.

In a scene that is more fitting of South Africa, 300 black and white demonstrators, protesting the death of black teenager at the hands of 30 or so white teenagers, marched through the Brooklyn neighborhood of Bensonhurst, that was the sight of the murder a week before.

But the demonstrators were not alone, for the neighborhood residents were also out in force hurling racial slurs, and shouts of "go home" as demonstrators marched by.

Unfortunately this happened at the worst possible time, for it is an election year in New York City, which has helped to polarize the races instead of healing the tensions.

But the real tragedy is the reason why the gang of white teenagers killed the black teenager. It seems that one of the girls who lived in the neighborhood was dating blacks. So using some higher form of logic, they decided to teach a lesson to the kid, on why he shouldn't date white girls.

Boy, that plan really worked well. That bullet in the head did the trick, alright. That kid won't come back in that neighborhood, or any other for that matter, again.

We, as whites, are almost all as guilty as the person who pulled the trigger in the murder. At some point this was bound to happen, Racial slurs and words such as "white trash" have been uttered by most whites, behind backs and closed doors.

When will people give up on this hang-up about blacks and whites dating. What does it really matter, the color of your boyfriend/girlfriend?

The only way to combat this kind of prejudice is through education, which unfortunately takes a while. Until that happen, we are going to see more of these senseless murders.

Parking space: the final frontier

Thanks to BCC, you to can become a spaceman, a parking spaceman that is.

On your quest for space, you will experience car scratches, minor fender-benders and hot tempers as you drive around the campus parking lots for hours looking for space so that you can go to a class that began an hour ago.

Think of the stories you can tell your kids about your educational experience at the college.

"When I went college we use a to have to make reservations the week before class, just so we could get a parking space. That's how I met your ma, we both had reservations for the same parking space."

By now you probably realize that we are not too happy with the parking situation at Broome. To say that it is a nuisance just doesn't seem to do the problem justice.

According to the security office there are approximately 3,000 student parking spaces on campus. However according to the new enrollment figures as of the second week of the semester the total number of students was 6,348. Of that number 3,468, or more-than-half, have at least 12 credit hours of classes.

We've noticed slight disparity in those figures, 468 students who couldn't park at BCC. That doesn't even include 2,880 part-time students at BCC, who we will say for argument sake, all ride the bus to school.

We think it's time the college start doing something about the parking problem, for we all don't have reserved parking areas.

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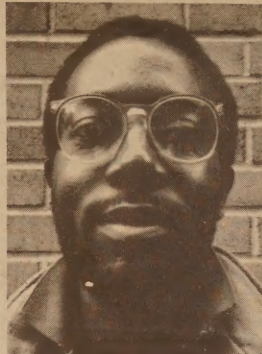
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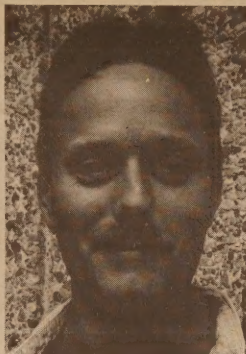
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By Donna Mullins

Q: Should American troops be sent to Colombia to help combat the drug cartels?



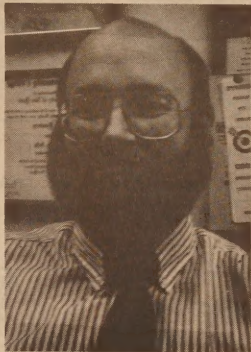
Daniel Adams, chemical engineering freshman: "We should aid Colombia in developing their troops and keep American troops out of there."



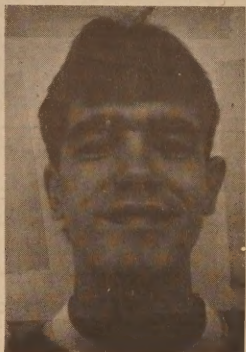
Randy Pruitt, independent studies senior, "We're on the wrong front entirely. The real war is right here in the U.S. with drug abuse."



Ginny Eads, liberal arts freshman: "Yes, American troops should find out where the drug kings are and bomb them."



Bruce Pomeroy, director of student services: "It seems ironic that we are providing funds to combat a situation that we created as consumers."



Chris Fomby, liberal arts freshman: "Government will never be able to control the situation. Money should be used to help our own people addicted to drugs."



Monica Lukowski, liberal arts freshman: "No, we have to protect our own borders. We should emphasize prevention."

Letter to the reader

Dear reader,

We want to take a minute to tell how the Fulcrum can help you and how you can help the Fulcrum.

The Fulcrum can help you by keeping you informed about news that affects the campus. In the news section, we'll tell you about things that could affect your daily lives at the campus.

In the the entertainment section, we'll entertain you with our opinions of movies, music, theater and books. The sports section will give you the inside, in-depth look at BCC sports.

The editorial section will give some of the best opinion-based tripe this side of Charles Manson. All of this from your--the student's--point of view.

However, to do this we need your help. We have immediate openings for sports writ-

ers, cartoonists and editors. Through these you may have the opportunity to meet U.S. senators, major sports figures, novelists, along with the administrators at BCC.

Some of these positions have small stipends (money) or pay commissions. All promise good times and new friends. Plus you can receive one hour of academic credit for your work by enrolling in English 163-L11.

If you have any questions call the Fulcrum office at 771-5110 or stop by our office in the student affairs building. We will be holding weekly meetings at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays.

If working on the Fulcrum is not your cup of tea, there are several other ways you can be a part of the paper, you can write a letter to the editor. We will print any reasonable, non-vulgar let-

ter we receive. We may have to edit it though, if the letter is too wordy. Also you must sign your name.

In addition, if you know of any event that you would like publicized, let us know, and we will cover it if it is deemed newsworthy. You just have to stop by our office in the student union.

You can advertise in the Fulcrum at the rate of \$4 per column inch or \$1 per for a 40-word classified ad. We offer free advertising of two columns by two inches to student-group on a first-come, first-served basis.

We plan on publishing the Fulcrum on alternate Wednesdays. Our deadline for ads is the Friday before.

We intend to make the most of the semester and we wish you the same.

The Editor



Just say no to legalization of drugs

Of all the strategies being proposed and argued over to win the war against drugs, one sticks out like a proverbial sore thumb, distinguished from the other, more popular plans by both its rationality and its repulsiveness. Legalization, despite its apparent sensibility, still inspires both disgust and despair.

"If we can't wage war, let's legalize drugs" read the headline of a recent column by Mike Royko of the *Chicago Tribune*.

Royko offered five reasons why the war against drugs in this country is an unwinnable campaign: (1) the tremendous demand for drugs in the U.S.;

(2) the massive profits made in the drug industry by drug suppliers, which results in the corruption of and/or violence against governments of supplying countries that attempt to crack down on drug cartels;

(3) the fact that law enforcement agencies in this country lack the manpower to make a significant impact on the billion-dollar drug trade;

(4) insufficient prison facilities to house those involved in drug-related crimes;

(5) military intervention at the source

Kent Bronson



is not the solution, first because the governments of drug-producing nations don't want it, and second because it would require a permanent military presence in those countries.

Royko's answer to the drug problem is simple: if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. As long as drugs are going to be around, they might as well be legalized, regulated, and taxed, as is the alcohol industry.

At least that way the revenues will be swelling the coffers of the U.S. government instead of the wallets of some ruthless drug dealers and the bank accounts of foreign drug kingpins.

Royko's theory makes a great deal of sense economically, but in terms of morality and overall public acceptability, it falls far short of the mark. It should take more than economic feasibility to

make such a crime legal.

The hopes and dreams and lives of millions upon millions of people shouldn't be sent spiraling down the toilet simply because it makes good financial sense.

As far as modeling the drug industry after the alcohol industry, the problems are obvious.

Maybe it's me, but something just isn't right about a television commercial hawking the good points of crack or cocaine, featuring a professional football star brandishing a Cheshire cat grin and announcing "Hey, kids, you say you want to break through the line of scrimmage for that long gainer on every play?"

"You want to leave all those safeties and cornerbacks in the dust? Well, a few lines of new improved Feelgreat Cocaine and your football ability will skyrocket!!" "Hey, how do you think I take those bone-crushing hits from monsters like Lawrence Taylor and Dexter Manley and get back up for the next play? Because I'm usually so wired I can't feel anything, that's how!!"

Put an age limit on drugs, just like there is now on beer and alcohol, to keep

it out of the hands of kids, you say? One look at the teen alcohol problem in this country is enough to dismiss an age restriction law as a solution.

Telling a kid "no" only makes him think "yes" all the more, and teens always find ways to get things they aren't supposed to have. Contributing to the accessibility of drugs to children would be the lower prices that would result from legalization.

While it is an undeniable fact that the odds are stacked heavily against a "total" victory in the battle to stop drugs, some small achievements have been made, such as the significant drop in drug use among high schoolers, and this is incentive enough to continue the struggle.

Royko concludes his argument for legalization by saying that it is a lot easier to sweep the gutters of those who choose the self-destruction of drug use than it is to fight a hopeless war.

Not so, when you consider the possibility that those lying in the gutters might well be your children, and the reason they're there is because a society that you helped create told them that drugs are all right.

Rose scandal: The betrayal of a generation

There was a great crime this summer in America and it did not involve drugs, hostages or even sex. It was simply the Pete Rose betting scandal that put a hangman's rope around America and one of its pastimes.

Let's face it. Pete Rose was guilty of betting on baseball games and he must serve the penalty given to him. But the real issue surrounding this scandal is the betrayal of his fans and the game.

I have been a fan of baseball and more specifically a fan of the Cincinnati Reds since I was four years old. My first baseball card was a Topps 1975 Pete Rose.

He represented style and hustle and he played the game with an intensity that equaled no other. He played the game out of love and a certain desire to be the best. So when it was reported that an investigation of his gambling activities was under way, I found it hard to believe.

As the investigation continued, America was reminded of another scandal, the 1919 Black Sox scandal, when it became the subject of the movie, "Eight Men Out." But in the Rose case it was one man out.

John Rechkow



The scandal really never hit me until I watched a baseball game in Oneonta and saw young players working hard, hoping one day to play in the big leagues and maybe playing so well that they might make it to baseball heaven 30 miles away in Cooperstown.

Pete Rose once had that in him but it was now gone, for he had nothing left to conquer in the game. He was one of baseball's greats awaiting his invitation to Cooperstown.

This scandal affected me the way Watergate, the eighties sex scandals and the abortion issue have others. Though not as great in proportion, the dethroning of Pete Rose leaves a great hole in me that will remain empty to the day I die. He was one of my heroes.

Quit throwing the Bakkers to the lions

Once again Jim and Tammy Bakker are in the news.

This time the former head of the PTL Club, and Evangelical television ministry had a nervous breakdown during the his trial on charges of tax fraud.

While the temptation to pick on these two people is great, I would like to take a look at the other side of the coin for a while.

Of course Bakker and Co. are guilty of not paying their taxes, along with various other misconducts.

But would somebody else who wasn't a Televangelist wouldn't have been the focus of the media's attention. Sure the average person would still find his name in the paper, but it probably wouldn't be on top of the front page.

Then you should consider the charges against Bakker. While they are very serious, aren't we all guilty of tax fraud now and then. Have we ever knowingly misstated something on tax reports.

The difference between Bakker and the rest of us is that he espouses the virtues of high moral ethics, and the consequences of not following them.

But does that mean he should be free of sin, because he preaches high moral standards? And does that allow us, people who don't preach, to go ahead and sin all we want? No.

We, non-preachers, seem to forget that we are all human, mortals, sinners etc. Because of Bakker's profession, we seem

Bill Wolcott



to think that he is something close to immortal, and likewise is free sin. But he is only human. He subject to the same likes, dislikes, and trappings that we as humans know so well.

It is not entirely Bakker's fault that he let down his followers. To quote a book that was used by Bakker many times: "Put not your faith in others, but put your faith in me." So why should Bakker be ostracized like he has been in the media, if he only is guilty of a little moral slip-up?

Imagine every sin, every indiscretions, every mistake you have made up until this moment in your life, was read by millions of people across the United States.

Is it any wonder that Bakker is suffering from the stress of his ordeal.

We, including even the god-less media, are of a mainly Christian society. So shouldn't we show a little Christian forgiveness and quit throwing Jim and Tammy Bakker to lions.

If not remember just this simple quote from the aforementioned book: "Do not judge, lest you shall be judged."

It was a great relief when the evidence against Pete was finally presented and the late commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti suspended Rose for life.

Pete tried to fight the commissioner, but he lost and it was a victory for baseball and all who love it. It proved that Pete could not fight the game and the rules he played and managed under for 26 years, rules designed to keep the game clean and enjoyed by generations to come.

Now as I look out my backyard

BCC is bursting at the seams

Matt Steflik

President Donald Dellow and the rest of the BCC administrative powers deserve a big pat on the back. According to reports released last week enrollment at BCC is up by approximately 8% over last year, thus ending a five year decline in full-time student enrollment.

All of that increased recruiting and marketing seems to have paid off. That gives us a current student populace of 6,348, up from last year's 5,878. Hey, good job guys!

However, as a result, classroom space and teacher resources have been stretched to the breaking point, and the parking situation is ridiculous.

As a result of the 470-student increase, some 25 additional adjunct faculty had to be found to match the demand. This also meant that rooms had to be found for the additional classes. This created a scheduling nightmare.

I was approached the first day of the semester by a very confused freshman. He registered at the last minute, and he found his schedule confusing. He showed me the printout and asked me, "How can this Mr. Faculty be teaching four of my courses? They're all different!"

I tried to explain the situation, but he kept asking me where Mr. Faculty's office was, and where the hell was he teaching accounting? He finally wandered off, mumbling to himself incoherently.

That's not the end of it. It's madness for the faculty, too. One instructor found he was teaching two courses at the same time at opposite ends of the campus.

A marketing instructor is rumored to have been scheduled to teach his course in an empty room at the Dog Shelter. Two instructors found they were scheduled to teach their respective courses in the same room at the same time. Bad craziness.

If the overcrowded classrooms don't show the student increase, the parking situation on campus does. Parking has always been a problem, but I've never seen it this bad. You just can't pour a gallon of water into a shot glass without some spilling.

Once the four basic student lots are filled, all hell breaks loose. There's students parking in visitor's parking areas, faculty areas, loading areas, no parking

were I once played ball, the dark cloud is gone. The dark clouds that hung over ballfields, stadiums and anywhere where baseball is played are gone and those places are transformed into Cathedral-like images where past and future memories are thought and played.

Although the memory remains of the scandal remains as I look out my window, I see a light, the light that is simply called baseball for all to enjoy and for all that are to come to preserve.

areas, on grass medians, the sides of campus roads, the church and day-care lots across the street from the campus, the dog shelter lot, and even in the correctional facility parking lot.

To add insult to injury, several students have gotten parking tickets for this illegal parking...simply because there was no where else to park.

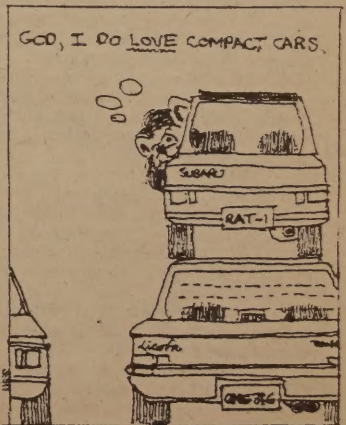
Hey, I realize an increased student enrollment has some benefits too. More students mean more cost effective programs, sounder finances, and some possible state aid. It would be great for the college if this was the start of a growth trend.

Meanwhile, there is a definite need for more classroom space and parking, for both students and faculty.

What can be done about it? Well, aside from the obvious expensive choice of further renovation and construction of more buildings and parking lots,

I haven't the slightest idea. Hopefully those at the administrative level have a plan of accommodation.

If not, and this is the start of a growth trend, the situation is just going to get worse.



Got a gripe? Send it to the Fulcrum
Don't forget to sign your name

Sports Trivia

1. How many times in the last ten years has Wayne Gretzky failed to win the NHL's MVP award?
2. How many Wimbledon singles championships has Boris Becker won?
3. Although their fight ended in a draw, how many times did Thomas Hearn knock down Sugar Ray Leonard?
4. Who was the NBA's Most Valuable Player?
5. How many MVP awards did Mike Schmidt win in his 17-year career with the Philadelphia Phillies?

Answers down below

BCC soccer lacking manpower

Few returning players weaken Hornet squad

By DAVID HERZ

The men's soccer team suffered a 3-2 loss on Saturday to Jefferson CC in the units season opener. However the loss was not the only thing weighing heavy on head coach Edwin Daub's mind.

"We really don't have the numbers right now to be competitive," he said. "I expected to have a number of players return this year but for one reason or another only two people are back with us and that is very disappointing."

At present time the Hornets have just 16 players on their roster. Daub said he contacted five or six players who expressed an interest in playing last week but now has to see if they are eligible and must pass their physicals before being able to join the team. He said there are a number of factors contributing to the low number of athletes.

"I spoke with about 30 players in the area about playing, but some of them are academically not eligible or have gone somewhere else to play. You also run into the problem where the player is here on campus but has a job or doesn't feel he can fit it in with his work load so he doesn't come out for the team, it's just not a good situation."

Other factors Daub made note of is the fact that the pool of players Broome has to pick from is decreasing. With enrollments decreasing nationwide four year schools have begun accepting students who in the past may not have been up to the institutions academic standards. As a result, more athletes are going directly to a four-year program.

The two performers who returned



A BCC goalie hones his defensive skills while teammates look on. The Hornets lost Saturday to Jefferson CC, 3-2. (Robin Gillinian Photo)

to the unit this year include last year's most valuable player John Hughes and Mark Doncov. Hughes was also a second-team All-Region 3 selection.

Daub is also pleased with the play of some his freshman. He said goalies Scott Case and Mike Crowley have both performed well. Pat Bado a

stopper has been impressive to date and Joey Diaz, who enrolled at Broome following a stint in the Army, is expected to contribute at midfield or forward. Joe Redding and Kurt Woodruff, each of whom tallied a goal in Saturday's contest are also expected to provide offensive punch.

Daub feels it's going to be an uphill battle for his team but thinks they are up

to the task.

"We don't have any one standout player so we will need to have contributions from everyone," he said. "With the lack of depth that we have it is very important for us to stay injury free as well. If we play as a team we could be in good shape."

Volleyball team bows out in semis

By DAVID HERZ

The BCC women's volleyball team kicked off their 1989 campaign by hosting the annual BCC Tune-up Tourney. The Hornets had a successful outing, winning their first two matches to advance to the semi-finals. However, in the semi's BCC ran into a powerful Onondaga squad losing to them and then falling to Genesee CC in the consolation.

"For the most part I am pleased with our performance," said head coach Arlene Bradtke. "We're a young team and we are capable of playing better, but I thought we did well."

Christina Reig had a superb tourney for the Hornets as the senior setter handed out 24 assists and had five service aces. Freshman Jeri Winters chipped in 12 kills from her hitter position and classmate Cheryl Follett had nine kills and seven solo blocks.

Bradtke said that the Hornets performed better than they had in their scrimmage the previous week.

"We passed the ball much better than we had been," she said, "and I thought the younger players also played

much better."

However the tourney did present her with another area of concern.

"We have to block better," Bradtke commented. "Our defensive play needs to be better so that's what we'll work on this week in practice. I think once we have more time to work as a group we'll see an improvement in our defense."

The Hornets will have a chance to measure their improvement this weekend as they travel to Herkimer County Community College for a tournament that will feature both Onondaga and Genesee.

"They (OCC and GCC) have been the top two teams in the region the past couple years so they are the teams to shoot for," Bradtke said. "I think we were a little intimidated this weekend, but with another week of practice we should be able to compete with them."

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. One
2. Three
3. Two
4. Magic Johnson
5. Three



Cheryl Follett and Christina Reig team up to send the ball back over the net in a recent practice session. (Robin Gillinian Photo)